STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SEC Docket No. 98-01

Application of Newington Energy, L.L.C.

Order on Request to Proceed with Option 2

Whereas, the Site Evaluation Committee issued a Certificate of Site and Facility to Newington Energy, LLC, on May 25, 1999, to construct and operate a 525 MW electric generation facility in the Town of Newington and the associated overhead transmission line connecting the site proper to the substation at PSNH's Newington Power Station; and,

Whereas, the Certificate of Site and Facility authorized two alternative routes for the transmission corridor - Option 1 and Option 2. *See, Decision (May 26, 1999; Docket No. 98-01)* Attachment D, Paragraphs 5 and 6; and,

Whereas, the Applicant has submitted evidence to the Committee that substantiates that Option 1 is not feasible; and,

Whereas, at a public meeting of the Site Evaluation Committee held on December 28, 2000, the Committee voted to approve the Applicant's request to proceed with Option 2;

It is hereby **ORDERED**:

The Applicant is authorized to construct a 345kV overhead transmission line along the route as described in Option 2 of Applicant's response to the Town's Data Request III,1 (November 16, 1998) in accordance with all of the terms and conditions contained in the Certificate of Site and Facility.

All other terms and conditions of the Certificate of Site and Facility shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 24 day of January, 2001, at Concord, New Hampshire.

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Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services Douglas L. Patch, Chairman Public Utilities Commission Harry T. Stewart, Director

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